



West Linn Update

MARCH 2009



West Linn
Arbor Week is
April 5-11, 2009

During West Linn Arbor Week, the City will again be awarded the Tree City USA award from the National Arbor Day Foundation. West Linn has won the award every year for more than a decade.

To qualify for the award, West Linn has tree ordinances governing removal and care, a street tree program, and observes Arbor Day.

Arbor Week activities include:

- 100 tree seedlings will be given away at City Hall on a first-come, first-serve basis
- Pruning demonstrations
- Daily tree and shrub plantings in local parks.

Call 503-557-4700 for more information or to schedule group activities.

City of West Linn To Acquire Savanna Oaks Property

On February 2, the West Linn City Council approved a resolution providing support for the acquisition of 14.07 acres of property at the intersection of Tannler Drive and Blankenship Road. Here are some frequently asked questions about this land acquisition:

■ How much will the land cost taxpayers?

The City's share will be \$330,000. The City will work in partnership with the Trust for Public Land and a yet-to-be-determined granting organization to purchase this property at an estimated cost of \$1 million.

■ Why was this resolution approved?

The Savanna Oaks property is home to white oak trees that are not commonly found in the Portland metropolitan area. The City decided that the purchase of this property would give West Linn residents the opportunity to own a piece of property that provides unique vantage points and access to nature and wildlife.

■ Does this resolution mean the property will not be developed?

The resolution passed by the City Council indicates that the site is desired to remain as open space. This means that the majority of this property will be kept in a natural state without development. A portion of the property (5.6 acres) is developable, but this would not occur without a required public process.



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■ I'd like to walk around the property - how do I get there?

Please remember that the Council's approved resolution directs the City to support and work toward property acquisition. The property is still in private ownership, and is not yet a City of West Linn public space.

■ Tell me more about West Linn parks...

The City of West Linn owns and maintains 232 acres of parks and 136 acres of open space (to increase to 150 acres when the Savanna Oaks property is acquired). Parks and open space maintenance and administration are funded by city property taxes and the monthly parks maintenance fee assessed to all residences.

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Agendas and minutes for City of West Linn public meetings are posted online.

Please visit the City's web page:

<http://westlinnoregon.gov/agendas>.

Neighborhood Associations also post meeting agendas and minutes on their neighborhood pages. Please visit

<http://westlinnoregon.gov/residents>.

- 2 - City Council Work Session, 6:00, City Hall
- 2 - Book Club, 6:45, Library
- 4 - Planning Commission/CCI, 7:00, City Hall
- 6 - First Friday, 6:30, Library
- 7 - Ivy League, 9:00 a.m., Mary S. Young Park
- 7 - Pioneer Living for Kids, 2:00, Library
- 9 - City Council Meeting, 6:00, City Hall
- 10 - Sustainability Advisory Board, 6:00, City Hall
- 11 - Summer Events Planning Meeting, 6:00, City Hall
- 11 - Computer Class: Computer Basics, 6:30, City Hall
- 11 - Robinwood NA Bylaws Committee, 7:30, Bales Thriftway
- 16 - Transportation Advisory Board, 6:00, City Hall
- 16 - City Council Work Session, 6:00, City Hall
- 18 - Utility Advisory Board, 6:00, City Hall
- 21 - Computer Class: Computer Basics, 6:30, City Hall
- 23 - City Council Meeting, 6:00, City Hall
- 25 - Library Board, 5:45, Library
- 25 - Music in the Stacks, 6:30, Library (see below information)
- 26 - Computer Class: Computer Basics, 6:30, City Hall
- 30 - City Council Work Session, 6:00, City Hall
- 31 - Sustainability Advisory Board, 6:00, City Hall

e-Notifications on West Linn web site

Are you interested in specific West Linn topics like land use, Neighborhood Associations, or parks and recreation? Do you want to receive updated information from the City?

The new e-Notifications service available on the City of West Linn web site targets content to you based on your interests and specifications, and delivers that content to your email inbox on a daily or weekly basis.

To sign up:

1. Log on to <http://westlinnoregon.gov>
2. Scroll down the page and click on the link titled, "Customized Email Notifications by Category"
3. Select the check boxes next to your interest areas
4. Indicate if you prefer daily or weekly notifications
5. Sit back, relax: all content updates will be delivered to your inbox

Don't forget to license your dog...

The City of West Linn requires annual dog licensing. Log on to <http://westlinnoregon.gov> to license your dog for 2009. You may also come to City Hall or call 503-657-0331 to license your dog.



Kevin Burke and Cal Scott headline the March "Music in the Stacks" concert at the West Linn Public Library. Here is an excerpt from a Washington Post review of their latest album: "...[Burke] is thus a perfect exemplar for the far-flung Irish diaspora and weaves the multinational strands of today's "Irish" music into his impressive new album, "Across the Black River," a collaboration with Portland film composer Cal Scott."